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GUIDELINES FOR IPTV
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has cleared the policy guidelines for the commercial roll out of Internet Protocol Television (IPTV);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to amend the downlinking/uplinking guidelines for TV Channels;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these guidelines are likely to be amended?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INFORMATION & BROADCASTING (ADDITIONAL CHARGE) (SHRI ANAND SHARMA)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The guidelines for IPTV services clarify the monitoring system and regulatory framework and inter-alia stipulate the content code, security requirements and technical provisions etc. which are to be complied with by IPTV service operators. The detailed guidelines issued on 8.9.2008 are available on the website (www.mib.nic.in) of the Ministry.

(c): Yes, Sir. Government has decided to amended clause 5.6 of downlinking guidelines in order to enable broadcasters to provide their channels/contents to IPTV Service operators.

(d) & (e): The order amending the Downlinking Guidelines has been issued on 08.09.2008 and is available on this Ministry's website.